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Old Home Week

The centre of attraction this week is Charlottetown and the big Provincial Exhibition and Driving Park events which constitute the traditional attractions of Old Home Week.

Thousands of former Islanders and others have made special efforts to be here for Old Home Week, and the proverbial hospitality of Charlottetown will be taxed to the limit to meet the requirements.

About Lobsters

Maine lobster dealers have used the words "silly" and "preposterous" in describing a suggestion reportedly made at the meeting of APEC and the New England Council to the effect that all lobsters caught in the Atlantic area be marketed as "Maine lobsters".

If the suggestion was really made—there appears to be some doubt of it—it was not only silly and preposterous. It was an unjustified aspersions—perhaps an unintentional one—on the quality of lobsters caught in the Atlantic Provinces.

Mr. Macmillan's Prospects
Drew Middleton, the New York Times correspondent in London, reports that Prime Minister Macmillan is "riding high" on a wave of popularity, following his adroit handling of the latest Middle East crisis in face of bitter Labour criticism.

Mr. Middleton says that the Labourites expected the crisis to develop into another "Suez" which was partly responsible for Sir Anthony Eden's retirement and which, in Mr. Middleton's words, "rocked the Conservative Party to its foundations".

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Youthful Service

So much is heard these days about the alleged irresponsibility of young people that we feel many of our readers will welcome a dispatch from East Orange, N.J. as published in the New York Times.

"A group of teen-agers is providing something new in treatment for patients at the Veterans Administration hospital here. Hospital officials call it 'morale therapy'.

"The reaction of patients may be seen in comments such as the one made in the geriatric ward the other day: 'Just think, these kids think enough of us old men to give up their own fun and come in and spend time with us. It makes us feel we haven't been forgotten after all.'"

"Assigned originally to menial laboratory tasks, the junior volunteers soon proved their worth and their duties were expanded. They prepared surgical supplies under the supervision of nurses and took them to the various floors. Once the youngsters began moving about the corridors and establishing contacts with patients, the morale-building effect of their presence was felt.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Imperial Oil Ltd. is preparing to make another drilling in the West end of the Island. A third attempt is sometimes lucky. Let us hope it will be in this case.

Robert Murphy, President Eisenhower's special envoy in the Middle East, is not to be envied. Shrewd diplomat though he is, he is sure of only one thing: wherever he goes he runs into trouble.

Evidently, police protection for Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret left nothing to be desired. At one place in her itinerary a policeman noticed a man with a suspicious bulge under his arm and promptly took him into custody.

It seems unlikely now that a meeting of heads of governments will be held in the foreseeable future. But on the assumption that one is bound to take place sooner or later, several towns have asked to be considered as possible sites for the big event.

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MAKING POOR PROGRESS

Some Hopeful Aspects

By Lloyd McDonald, Canadian Press Staff Writer

A special session of the United Nations General Assembly while generally regarded as the least likely to succeed of all the proposed steps to ease tension in the Middle East, is not without hopeful aspects.

While the Western powers feel a flood of oratory will be the main result, Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld is understood to be pleased that the world organization will thus continue to play a major part in an official capacity.

The Swedish diplomat on many past occasions has used the scope of his office in perhaps a broader sense than any formal wording approved by the UN members seemed to call for.

In fact he already has been proceeding along this line during the hiatus which resulted from the UN Security Council's suspension of debate to allow outside negotiations for the big-power summit conference which failed to materialize.

When the council broke off its meetings on the American-British interventions in Lebanon and Jordan the secretary-general told the members he felt free to use a vaguely worded council motion of a month and half before to build up the small UN observer corps in Lebanon in the hope of replacing the United States troops and permitting their withdrawal.

This buildup has been slow and not yet extensive but the fact that it has proceeded at all with the Security Council's hands virtually tied is a tribute to Hammarskjöld's own efforts.

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Public Forum

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

DEPARTURE REGRETTED
Sir,—At this time it is with a feeling of regret that the people of this Province of all faiths see the Rev. Canon Moffatt, the Rector and Priest Incumbent of the Anglican Cathedral Church of St. Peter, take his departure for a Rectorship in Port Hope, Ontario. The Canon's six years as cure of souls at the said Cathedral have been years of fruitfulness. As this man of God leaves our shores, his work in our midst will long be remembered.

I am, Sir, etc.
KENNETH BRUCE STEWART
Bedouk, P.E.I.

FREE BLOOD SERVICE
Sir,—Press despatches in our papers during the past few days have told of the excellent work being carried out by the Summer-side Lions Club in co-operation with the Lions Club in Los Angeles, California, in which these fine service organizations are seeking to extend aid and comfort to Edgar Yeo of Summerside who has undergone critical heart surgery. I noted with some interest that the Los Angeles Club had volunteered to obtain supplies of blood to be used as transfusions are required.

It may be of some help to the Lions Club, and the general public, to know that the American Red Cross will supply Canadian citizens with the needed blood at any time. If the Canadian citizen comes from an area where the Canadian Red Cross maintains a free blood transfusion service, our Society does the same for American visitors in Canada.

I am enclosing a clipping from the latest issue of the Red Cross News which covers the situation quite completely.

Thanking you for the opportunity of putting the information before your readers.

I am, Sir, etc.
F. A. S. JONES.
Provincial Chairman
Red Cross Blood Donor Committee.

(Enclosure)
Free Blood for Tourists—Most citizens in communities where the Canadian Red Cross free blood transfusion service is in operation are aware that they may receive free of cost any whole blood or blood products needed for transfusion therapy and that a similar service is available to them almost entirely throughout Canada, even in some hospitals not served by the Canadian Red Cross plan. But it is more than likely that few of them know that Canadians under treatment in American hospitals may receive free blood transfusions through a reciprocal agreement between the Canadian Red Cross Society and the American National Red Cross. Americans in hospitals in Canada also receive free transfusions through the Canadian Red Cross.

Canadians who receive blood transfusions in American hospitals should advise their doctor or the Canadian Red Cross Blood transfusion service in their province. This notice should specify the patient's name and address, the name and address of the hospital, the name of the surgeon or principal physician and the number of transfusions given. The notification must be made within three months after the patient has left the hospital but as soon as possible after the

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Short Speeches, No Desks
Prime Minister Diefenbaker has hinted at changes in the House of Commons. He would like to remove the desks, shorten the speeches, and make the House of Commons once more a place for debate.

Such changes are needed. Hansard has as its title: "House of Commons Debates: Official Record." At times the debates may be quick and penetrating. But all too often speakers read what they say from "voluminous notes."

As they speak, the House, if not empty already, may grow empty. But so far from the speaker feeling his desertion keenly, he expects it. He may not really be speaking to his fellow-members of the House; he may be only dictating to Hansard. In due course, he may circulate reprints of his faithfulness as their representative.

When he has finished speaking, he may disappear through the curtains into the Commons lobby. He may have little reason to fear that the next speaker will answer him, or attack his arguments. The next speaker may have come with his prepared text. Often speech follows speech, with one taking little cognizance of another.

NOT DEBATING
Whatever this process may be called, it can scarcely be called debating. It may be a presentation of different views. But the speakers rarely come to grips. The clash of opinions, insofar as it may take place is a general clash, at times no more than an accidental collision.

In hoping to reform this condition Mr. Diefenbaker is not dealing with something new. As long ago as 1900 it was being deplored by Sir John Bourinot, then the Clerk of the House of Commons.

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TB Still A Big Problem

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.S. HOW widespread is tuberculosis in the United States alone approximately 800,000 have TB, either in the active or inactive stages, and need medical supervision.

And this may surprise you—between 50,000,000 and 55,000,000 persons are infected with the tuberculosis germ, the tubercle bacillus.

ONE THIRD INFECTED
This means that about one-third of our population is infected. From the infected of today will come most of the active cases of tomorrow.

Each year about 90,000 new cases of TB are reported, almost 70,000 of them active cases. Each year tuberculosis claims 14,000 American lives.

Surprised by these statistics? I thought you would be. We don't hear much about TB these days. Modern methods of diagnosing and treating the disease have enabled us to make an effective fight against it.

LOOK AROUND
But lest you begin to think it no longer is a problem, just look around you. About one out of every three persons, remember, is infected right now.

How can you tell whether you are one of them? It's the easiest thing in the world. The tuberculin test and the chest x-ray are the principal instruments we use for finding TB. Both are available to you right now.

Generally physicians recommend a tuberculin test first. This is a simple skin test in which a little tuberculin is injected between the layers of skin in the forearm. While it does not reveal active disease it does reveal infection by the tubercle bacillus.

If a person reacts to a tuberculin test, we recommend a chest x-ray. This is necessary to determine if the disease is active. Recently, scientists at Northwestern University School of Medicine developed a serologic test which may well prove valuable in the diagnosis of active disease. It is now under intensive study.

We have several valuable drugs such as streptomycin, PAS and isoniazid with which we can generally control TB pretty well. We need more and better drugs, of course.

But we also need a vaccine which could be given to the entire population and which would not destroy the value of the tuberculin test. Once we get that, you won't have to worry about TB. Meanwhile, see your doctor about that tuberculin test tomorrow.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A successful man is one who earns more than his wife can spend, and a successful woman is one who can find such a man.—Calgary Herald

A Munich hotel has posted a sign in each room: "Please be courteous to our employees. They are harder to get than guests."—Abendzeitung, Munich, Germany

In East Germany, candidates for a university degree can no longer obtain diplomas until they have worked for two months on a farm and have learned to drive a tractor.—DeWeit, Germany

The last home in Bruce County has given up its kerosene lamps for hydro. We bet there's a few kept in reserve, though, in case this new fangled stuff falls down on the job.—Peterborough Examiner

Although his sports car flipped over and over like a ferris wheel when he lost control of it on a highway, a young Orangeville driver walked away from the accident only slightly dazed. He was wearing a safety belt. Few motorists may be involved in such an accident. But before they dismiss this one from their minds, they should consider safety belts for their own cars, in the light of present driving conditions.—Toronto Star

Rastus had just been promoted by his wife with his treating the doctor father was duck passed by. "Where's that?" asked the doctor. "Ain't no duck," said Rastus with a sigh. "Dat's the fact with legs worn down."—Montreal Star

One doesn't have to be an age of infirmity to recognize a vast improvement (there have been four or five decades. Perhaps the best illustration of this is modern cars have no load on the axle. All they have is a jack and the changing of a tire and this is used but very rarely.—Windsor Star

OUR YESTERDAYS
(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(August 11, 1933)
Fires were burning in more than four different sections of the province yesterday. One in Scotchfort was not completely serious; a second at Scotchfort threatened the ranch of Mr. H. Smallwood, a third at Scotch Road was confined in large part to a swamp, and a fourth was burning in a district west of the seaside.

Much excitement was caused at Wellington recently when a plane landed in a field near the school. A large crowd gathered to view the plane since it was a plane that had made a long and extended call at this small village. The plane carried the remains of Mr. Joseph Arsenault, a station agent at Wellington.

TEN YEARS AGO
(August 11, 1948)
Mr. L.W. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Education, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree Friday at convocation exercises of Mount Allison University summer semester and Mount Allison Summer School. Mr. Shaw has been a member of the Mount Allison Summer School's directing committee.

The United States light cruiser "Fresno", under the command of Capt. W.G. Mitchell, will arrive in Charlottetown on August 20 and remain until August 22. During the vessel's stay here, the American Consul General in Halifax, Mr. A.W. Clifforth, will be in Charlottetown.

Constable Kelly is a Tzeschten Band Indian. Indians have been numerous in our armed services, but this is the first time an Indian has joined the service that is so closely linked with Indian affairs across the country. Canada's Indian reservations are the special care of the RCMP. Constable Kelly is the best testimony of how well they have discharged their duty.

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